

## NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

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In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken the following action on your request for approval of a revision of an information collection received on 04/24/2003.

TITLE: Highly Migratory Species Tournament Reporting

AGENCY FORM NUMBER(S): None

ACTION : APPROVED WITHOUT CHANGE

OMB NO.: 0648-0323

EXPIRATION DATE: 06/30/2006

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS(\$,000)
Previous	600	110	0
New	480	70	0
Difference	-120	-40	0
Program Change		0	0
Adjustment		-40	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE: None

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OMB Authorizing Official	Title
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Donald R. Arbuckle	Deputy Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
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# PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

**Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.**

1. Agency/Subagency originating request	2. OMB control number <span style="float: right;">b. <input type="checkbox"/> None</span> a. _____ - _____
3. Type of information collection ( <i>check one</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> New Collection b. <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of a currently approved collection c. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of a currently approved collection d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired f. <input type="checkbox"/> Existing collection in use without an OMB control number For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions	4. Type of review requested ( <i>check one</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Regular submission b. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency - Approval requested by _____ / _____ / _____ c. <input type="checkbox"/> Delegated
	5. Small entities Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	6. Requested expiration date a. <input type="checkbox"/> Three years from approval date b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: _____ / _____
7. Title	
8. Agency form number(s) ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
9. Keywords	
10. Abstract	
11. Affected public ( <i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals or households d. <input type="checkbox"/> Farms b. <input type="checkbox"/> Business or other for-profit e. <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Government c. <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit institutions f. <input type="checkbox"/> State, Local or Tribal Government	12. Obligation to respond ( <i>check one</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary b. <input type="checkbox"/> Required to obtain or retain benefits c. <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden a. Number of respondents _____ b. Total annual responses _____ 1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically _____ % c. Total annual hours requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____	14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden ( <i>in thousands of dollars</i> ) a. Total annualized capital/startup costs _____ b. Total annual costs (O&M) _____ c. Total annualized cost requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____
15. Purpose of information collection ( <i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Application for benefits e. <input type="checkbox"/> Program planning or management b. <input type="checkbox"/> Program evaluation f. <input type="checkbox"/> Research c. <input type="checkbox"/> General purpose statistics g. <input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory or compliance d. <input type="checkbox"/> Audit	16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting ( <i>check all that apply</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Recordkeeping b. <input type="checkbox"/> Third party disclosure c. <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting 1. <input type="checkbox"/> On occasion 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Annually 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Biennially 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____
17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission)  Name: _____ Phone: _____

## 19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

**NOTE:** The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
  - (i) Why the information is being collected;
  - (ii) Use of information;
  - (iii) Burden estimate;
  - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
  - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
  - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee

Date

Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator or head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or Staff Office)	
Signature	Date
Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer	
Signature	Date

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT  
HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES TOURNAMENT REPORTING  
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0323**

**A. JUSTIFICATION**

**1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.**

The Secretary of Commerce is authorized to regulate fisheries for Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act, as amended. Under this authorization, NOAA Fisheries proposes to renew tournament registration and reporting requirements for HMS.

Tournament registration and reporting is necessary because it provides an important source of information used to assess HMS fish stocks and to estimate the annual catch of Atlantic HMS. The information allows NOAA Fisheries, in the course of developing fishery management plans, to evaluate the economic impact of tournament angling in relation to other types of angling (e.g., commercial, non-tournament recreational) and the relative effect of tournament angling on populations of various regulated HMS. Finally, the information is essential for the U.S. to meet its reporting obligations to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).

**2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used. If the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support information that will be disseminated to the public, then explain how the collection complies with all applicable Information Quality Guidelines.**

The tournament registration and reporting procedures involve: (1) Mandatory registration of HMS tournaments; and, (2) for selected tournaments, reporting the results of the tournaments, including the documentation of all instances of landing an Atlantic HMS during a tournament. To do this, NOAA Fisheries will require that tournament operators (the person or entity responsible for maintaining records of participants and results) register their tournament, including the date, location, and purpose of the tournament, with the appropriate regional office at least four weeks prior to the commencement of the tournament. From all boats, the tournament operator will collect the following data on all HMS encountered: whether the fish were kept, released, or lost; condition of the fish; whether the fish were tagged; and, the weight and length of all boated fish. This information is already routinely collected during tournament operations, which makes the reporting burden one of transcribing existing information onto a single form rather than a collection of new information. NOAA Fisheries is submitting two different reporting forms for PRA approval, but will require that only one be completed by the tournament operator depending upon the situation. The completed reporting form is to be returned to NOAA Fisheries no later than 7 days after the conclusion of the tournament.

The information obtained from each tournament operator on the “HMS Tournament Registration Form” includes:

- a. The name, date, and location of the tournament.
- b. The Director/Operator’s name, address, phone number, and e-mail address (if applicable).
- c. Whether the tournament has operated in previous years.
- d. Information on those highly migratory species for which points or prizes will be awarded.

This registration information may be used by NOAA Fisheries to plan for the assignment of tournament observers to assist in catch/effort data compilation and to obtain biological data and samples from landed fish (length/weight, stomach contents, injuries, parasites, hard and soft tissue samples for age determination, genetic and microconstituent analysis, spawning condition, fecundity, etc.). Additionally, with an accurate tournament database, NOAA Fisheries may better assess the practicality of using tournaments for angler educational outreach efforts including distribution of written informational materials, notification of public hearings, and explanation of HMS regulations.

The reporting information obtained from each tournament operator on the “HMS Tournament Summary Report” includes:

- a. The name, date, and location of the tournament.
- b. The total number of boats fishing, hours fished, recorder’s name and phone number.
- c. How many fish were kept, and the size (weight in lbs., length in inches) of each. How many fish were released alive, released alive with a tag, released dead, and lost.

This information is identical to what tournament operators already collect to determine a tournament winner. Tournaments that normally use radio logs or catch certificates to log catch and effort are being requested to submit copies of these along with the report form supplied by NOAA Fisheries. The only additional time or cost burden would be for photocopying and/or mailing. As mentioned above, the collected information is used by NOAA Fisheries to assess total annual tournament catch and the relative effect of tournament angling on populations of regulated HMS.

HMS tournament information does have utility. The information that will be collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support publicly disseminated information. NOAA Fisheries will retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with NOAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. See response #10 of this Supporting Statement for more information on confidentiality and privacy. The information collection is designed to yield data that meet all applicable information quality guidelines. Prior to dissemination, the information will be subjected to quality control measures and a pre-dissemination review pursuant to Section 515 of Public Law 106-554.

**3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.**

Tournament operators are being asked to register tournaments and to report tournament results on a NOAA Fisheries form in order to standardize the data collected. The blank registration form is available electronically on the internet at [www.nmfspermits.com](http://www.nmfspermits.com) and at [www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/tournament.htm](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/tournament.htm) or by fax upon request. The completed registration form may be either faxed or mailed back to NOAA Fisheries. Submission by fax facilitates information transmission. In addition, NOAA Fisheries is examining the possibility of making the tournament registration and reporting data systems available on the internet for direct data entry by tournament operators and to improve access to the information by the public.

**4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.**

This collection does not duplicate or overlap with any other collection of information. Mandatory reporting of recreational Atlantic billfish and swordfish landings occurs under a separate approved collection (0648-0446 - Atlantic Billfish and Swordfish Recreational Landings Call-In Report), and recreational Atlantic bluefin tuna landings are also subject to mandatory reporting (648-0446 - Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Mandatory Catch Reporting). Although these collections could document similar activities, NOAA Fisheries is cognizant of possible duplication and is actively making efforts to avoid it. For example, tournament landings are exempt from the Atlantic billfish and swordfish recreational call-in requirement. In addition, two other separate approved information collections including the Large Pelagic Fishing Survey (0648-0380) and the Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey (0648-0052) complement tournament registration and reporting. The Large Pelagic Fishing Survey and the Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey include telephone surveys and dockside interviews with recreational anglers. These surveys actively identify and attempt to segregate tournament landings from other recreational landings.

**5. If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize burden.**

This information collection will not have a significant impact on small entities. The reporting information that will be collected is already routinely collected by tournament operators to award tournament points or prizes. The reporting information collection involves transcribing existing information onto a summary form and, therefore, minimizes the reporting burden.

**6. Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.**

Fishing tournaments provide a unique opportunity for biologists to obtain an abundance of fishery information in a relatively short time period. It is both efficient and essential to gather this information, as it is already being collected by operators of HMS angling tournaments (catch and effort data, landings, etc.), so that it can be incorporated into the formulation of HMS fishery management policies. NOAA Fisheries must have tournament information to evaluate the

relative impact of various types of angling on HMS. If NOAA Fisheries is unable to obtain this information, then the Agency would be unable to fully assess the costs, benefits and likely impacts of subsequent regulations and rules regarding either HMS or HMS tournament angling, as required by the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Also, if the collection is not conducted, NOAA Fisheries would be less able to comply with international obligations, such as landings caps and reporting requirements.

**7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.**

The information collection requiring that tournament summary reports be submitted within 7 days after the tournament is concluded is inconsistent with OMB guidelines. However, the shorter reporting time frame is due to international obligations of NOAA Fisheries to monitor the catch of certain HMS species according to agreed international quotas or agreed reductions in landings to ensure the sustainability of such species.

**8. Provide a copy of the PRA Federal Register notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.**

The Federal Register notice soliciting public comment on this proposed collection of information was published on December 27, 2002, and is attached. The comment period closed on February 25, 2003. No public comments were received by NOAA Fisheries. NOAA Fisheries routinely consults with outside parties to obtain the public's view on the availability of fishery data, frequency of data collection, clarity of instructions and recordkeeping requests, disclosure of information, reporting format, and the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported. These consultations occur in the context of HMS Advisory Panel meetings, public hearings, written correspondence, telephone conversations, and conversations with tournament anglers and tournament operators during tournaments.

**9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.**

No payment or gifts will be provided to respondents.

**10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.**

There is a PRA statement printed on public notification materials, including the registration and reporting forms. It is NOAA policy to preserve the confidentiality of information submitted under this reporting requirement, except that NOAA Fisheries may release such information in aggregate or summary form, such that individual identifiers are not disclosed (NAO 216-100).

Information such as the number of registered tournaments or the states in which they occurred is often provided in the annual SAFE Report, in FMP regulatory amendments, and in supporting documents made available to the public upon request.

**11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.**

No questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, or other matters that are commonly considered private are included in this information collection.

**12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.**

Approximately 300 tournament operators are expected to respond to the tournament registration form. With this number of respondents, and an approximate response time of 2 minutes per tournament registration form, we expect a total of 10 burden hours.

$$300 \times 2 \text{ minutes} = 10 \text{ hours}$$

NOAA Fisheries anticipates that approximately 150 tournaments will target billfish. All 150 tournaments targeting billfish will be selected for tournament reporting. The remaining 150 tournaments targeting tuna, swordfish and sharks are expected to be selected for reporting at a sampling rate of approximately 20 percent (*i.e.* 30 respondents). Therefore, the total number of respondents for tournament reporting will be approximately 180. With an approximate response time of 20 minutes, we expect a total of 60 burden hours for tournament reporting.

$$180 \times 20 \text{ minutes} = 60 \text{ hours}$$

$$\text{Total for Registration and Reporting: } 10 \text{ hours} + 60 \text{ hours} = \underline{70 \text{ hours.}}$$

The tournament reporting form asks respondents to transcribe information that is already being collected to determine tournament winners. Therefore, time spent reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining records, and reviewing and completing the forms is expected to be relatively minimal.

**13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection (excluding the value of the burden hours in #12 above).**

The only costs associated with this collection would be for mailing or faxing the forms to NOAA Fisheries. For registration, given 300 respondents and assuming that half will mail (\$0.37/postage) and half will fax (\$0.20/ minute x 1 minute) the registration forms, it is estimated that the total annual cost to the respondents for registration will be approximately \$85.50.

To mail registration form: 150 respondents x \$0.37 = \$55.50  
To fax registration form: 150 respondents x \$0.20 = \$30.00  
Total Cost for Registration \$85.50

Similarly, for tournament reporting, given 180 respondents and assuming that half will mail (\$0.37/postage) and half will fax (\$0.20/ minute x 1 minute) the reporting forms, it is estimated that the total annual cost to the respondents for registration will be approximately \$171.00.

To mail reporting form: 90 respondents x \$0.37 = \$33.30  
To fax reporting form: 90 respondents x \$0.20 = \$18.00  
Total Cost for Reporting \$51.30

Therefore, the total annual cost burden to the respondents associated with this collection is expected to be approximately \$136.80 (\$85.50 + \$51.30).

**14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.**

Costs for printing and supplying forms are expected to be minimal. The Registration Form is available on the internet and may be downloaded by respondents. In addition, it could be faxed or mailed to respondents. The registration form could be photocopied and used by respondents as needed. No new equipment or overhead costs will be incurred by NOAA Fisheries, because existing equipment and staff will be used to collect and enter data.

**15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB 83-I.**

There is an adjustment noted in Item 13 on OMB 83-I. The total burden hours requested are adjusted from 110 hours per year to 70 hours per year. The adjustment is based upon an analysis to determine the selection rate for those tournaments required to report. The analysis indicated that fewer than 300 tournaments are annually being selected by NOAA Fisheries to report tournament results.

**16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.**

These data are not being collected for the purpose of publication in raw form. The aggregate information may be publicly distributed in scientific stock assessments for individual species, or in the annually published Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Report, or on a NOAA Fisheries' internet site. This could include information on the the number of registered tournaments, the states in which they occurred, or total landings by species. As a result, tournament information should be considered as one component, among many, factoring into fishery policy and management decisions.

**17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.**

NOAA Fisheries will display the expiration date for OMB approval.

**18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19 of the OMB 83-I.**

Not applicable, because there are no exceptions to the certification statement.

**B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS**

**1. Describe (including a numerical estimate) the potential respondent universe and any sampling or other respondent selection method to be used. Data on the number of entities (e.g. establishments, State and local governmental units, households, or persons) in the universe and the corresponding sample are to be provided in tabular form. The tabulation must also include expected response rates for the collection as a whole. If the collection has been conducted before, provide the actual response rate achieved.**

All HMS tournaments are required to be registered. NOAA Fisheries anticipates that approximately 300 tournaments will be registered.

Approximately 150 tournaments target billfish. All tournaments targeting billfish will be selected for reporting (*i.e.* a census). The remaining 150 tournaments targeting tuna, swordfish and sharks will be selected for reporting using a sampling rate of approximately 20 percent (*i.e.* 30 respondents). Certain key non-billfish tournaments might also be actively selected for reporting depending upon past participation, quality of data, accessibility, catch composition, etc.

In previous years, a varying number of non-billfish tournaments have been selected for reporting, usually about ten.

**2. Describe the procedures for the collection, including: the statistical methodology for stratification and sample selection; the estimation procedure; the degree of accuracy needed for the purpose described in the justification; any unusual problems requiring specialized sampling procedures; and any use of periodic (less frequent than annual) data collection cycles to reduce burden.**

Due to the migratory nature of HMS, the sampling design will consider geographic and seasonal variation in fish distribution and differences in effort catch characteristics of the fishing fleet to select non-billfish tournaments targeting tuna, swordfish and sharks for reporting. Given this variation, a stratified random sampling design will be employed. Tournaments will be stratified according to geographic region, season, target species, and other criteria to ensure a representative sample. From each strata, tournaments will be randomly selected for reporting. In addition, some tournaments may be actively selected for reporting based upon previous participation, quality of data, participation rates, catch composition, etc. Sampling a few key

tournaments year after year will ensure consistent, long-term data (such as catch-per unit-fishing-effort) which is useful to identify long-term trends. By employing a stratified random sampling scheme in conjunction with actively selecting a few key tournaments for reporting, NOAA Fisheries will obtain reliable, long-term fishery-dependent data in an efficient manner.

**3. Describe the methods used to maximize response rates and to deal with nonresponse. The accuracy and reliability of the information collected must be shown to be adequate for the intended uses. For collections based on sampling, a special justification must be provided if they will not yield "reliable" data that can be generalized to the universe studied.**

Tournaments that are selected for reporting are required by law to submit a completed tournament summary form along with a copy of tournament rules to NOAA Fisheries within seven days after the completion of tournament fishing (50 CFR 635.5(d)). The required information is identical to what tournament operators already collect to determine a tournament winner. Because the information is readily available to tournament operators, it is possible to complete the reporting summary form quickly and easily. The only additional time or cost burden associated with the collection would be for photocopying and/or mailing. Because the reporting form summarizes information that tournament operators already have, NOAA Fisheries anticipates a high response rate. To further encourage a high response rate, NOAA Fisheries will conduct an outreach program to inform tournament operators of the reporting requirement and to indicate the importance of reliable tournament information for stock assessment purposes. Information obtained from selected tournaments is analyzed for reliability before it is incorporated into stock assessments..

**4. Describe any tests of procedures or methods to be undertaken. Tests are encouraged as effective means to refine collections, but if ten or more test respondents are involved OMB must give prior approval.**

The information obtained from HMS tournament reports may be incorporated into stock assessment documents prepared by NOAA fishery scientists, if the data is considered reliable. The stock assessment documents are then discussed and peer-reviewed by domestic and international experts before any policy-related agreements or decisions are made. The peer review process may suggest any possible modifications to the information collection, if deemed necessary.

**5. Provide the name and telephone number of individuals consulted on the statistical aspects of the design, and the name of the agency unit, contractor(s), grantee(s), or other person(s) who will actually collect and/or analyze the information for the agency.**

For HMS Tournament Registration: Russell Dunn/Richard Pearson/Greg Fairclough  
NOAA Fisheries  
HMS Management Division  
9721 Executive Center Drive North  
St. Petersburg, FL 33702  
(727) 570-5447

For HMS Tournament Reporting: Arietta Venizelos  
NOAA Fisheries  
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Tournament Name

**Tournament Location** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date(s):** \_\_\_\_\_  
City State

**Director/Operator Name**

**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip

**Phone** ( ) - **FAX** ( ) -

**E-mail Address (if applicable)**

**Has this tournament operated in previous years? (Y/N); Most recent year**

**What name(s) have been used for this event?**

Please check the appropriate HMS species below for which points or prizes are awarded for either tag and release, or that are landed in your tournament. Thank you.

Pelagic Sharks..... ☐

**Swordfish**..... ☐

White Marlin..... ☐  
 Blue Marlin..... ☐  
 Sailfish..... ☐  
 Longbill Spearfish..... ☐

## Tunas

Large Coastal Sharks:

Ridgeback Sharks..... ☐

Non-Ridgeback Sharks..... ☐

Small Coastal Sharks..... ☐

Bluefin Tuna..... ☐

Yellowfin Tuna..... ☐

Bigeye Tuna..... ☐

(Please See Reverse Side)

Albacore..... ☐  
Skipjack Tuna..... ☐

This information will be used to estimate tournament fishing effort and landings of highly migratory species for stock assessments and national statistical reports.

If available, please send a copy of the tournament brochure and rules

Thank you for helping the National Marine Fisheries Service track Highly Migratory Species recreational activities. For more information about HMS or for current regulations, contact the following personnel:

- Billfish, Swordfish, and HMS Tournament Registration: Russ Dunn, Rick Pearson, or Greg Fairclough at 727-570-5447
- Sharks: Margo Schulze-Haugen or Karyl Brewster-Geisz at 301-713-2347
- Tunas: Mark Murray-Brown or Brad Mchale at 978-281-9260

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT NOTICE: Collection of information through tournament registration and reporting provides essential information for the conservation and management of highly migratory species. This information will be used to estimate recreational landings of these species through tournaments and may be used to estimate fishing effort. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 minutes per response (tournament registration), including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to NOAA Fisheries, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1), 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Registering and, if selected, reporting, of tournaments is required under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act. It is NOAA policy to preserve the confidentiality of information submitted under this reporting requirement, except that NMFS may release such information in aggregate or summary form, such that individual identifiers are not disclosed (NAO-216-100). Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

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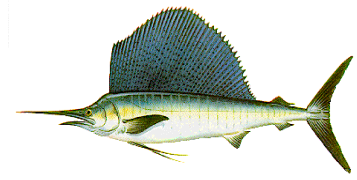
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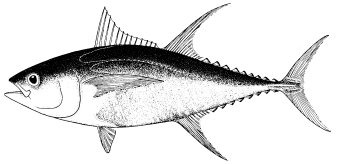
**NOAA Fisheries  
Highly Migratory Species Management Division  
9721 Executive Center Drive North  
St. Petersburg, FL 33702**

**Attn: HMS Tournament Registration**

(Please See Reverse Side)



# Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Tournament Summary Report



OMB #0648-0323, expires 05/31/2003

Tournament Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Fishing Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Tournament Location (city & state): \_\_\_\_\_

Total Boats Fishing:\_\_\_\_\_ Hours Fished (Lines in-Lines Out): \_\_\_\_\_

Recorder’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

ATLANTIC BILLFISHES							OTHER SPECIES						
	No. Kept	<u>Number Released</u> Alive    Alive                      no tag + tag + Dead = Total				Size of Fish Kept (lbs.)		No. Kept	<u>Number Released</u> Alive    Alive                      no tag + tag + Dead = Total				Size of Fish Kept (lbs.)
Blue Marlin							Swordfish						
White Marlin							OTHER						
Sailfish													
Spearfish													

ATLANTIC PELAGIC SHARKS							ATLANTIC COASTAL SHARKS						
	No. Kept	<u>Number Released</u> Alive    Alive                      no tag + tag + Dead = Total				Size of Fish Kept (lbs.)		No. Kept	<u>Number Released</u> Alive    Alive                      no tag + tag + Dead = Total				Size of Fish Kept (lbs.)
Blue							Bignose	N/A					N/A
Longfin Mako	N/A					N/A	Blacktip						
Shortfin Mako							Dusky	N/A					N/A
Oceanic Whitetip							Great Hammerhead						
Common Thresher							Scalloped Hammerhead						
Bigeye Thresher	N/A					N/A	Smooth Hammerhead						
Porbeagle							Night	N/A					N/A
OTHER							Sandbar						
							Silky						
							Spinner						
							Tiger						
							White	N/A					N/A
							OTHER						

ATLANTIC TUNAS													
	No. Kept	<u>Number Released</u> Alive    Alive                      no tag + tag + Dead = Total				Size of Fish Kept (lbs.)		No. Kept	<u>Number Released</u> Alive    Alive                      no tag + tag + Dead = Total				Size of Fish Kept (lbs.)
Yellowfin Tuna							Albacore Tuna						
Bluefin Tuna							OTHER TUNA						
Skipjack Tuna													
Bigeye Tuna													

N/A - Not Applicable (Retention of this species is prohibited)

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Under Federal Regulations at 50 CFR part 644, persons conducting fishing tournaments for Atlantic highly migratory species are **REQUIRED** to do the following:

- 1. All Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Tournaments **MUST** register using form (OMB # 0648-0323) at least four weeks prior to commencement of the tournament;
- 2. If selected, tournament operators **MUST** submit an Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Tournament Summary Report (OMB # 0648-0323) postmarked not later than the seventh day after the final day of tournament fishing;
- 3. If selected, billfish tournament operators **MUST** submit radio logs or catch certificates containing detailed capture information including: tournament dates, fishing hours, name of each boat fishing that day, bait types and fight times for all billfish captured or released, and weight, length, and sex of each billfish brought ashore.

**INSTRUCTIONS - Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Tournament Summary Report OMB#0648-0323**

**Tournament Name:** Record the entire name of the fishing tournament as it was reported on the tournament registration form.

**Fishing Date(s):** Record the actual fishing dates of the tournament (don’t include days or days canceled due to bad weather).

**Tournament Location (city & state):** Record the city and state of the fishing tournament.

**Total Boats Fishing:** Record the number of boats fishing (Please note if this number changes each day).

**Hours Fished (Lines in-Lines Out):** Record tournament start times and ending times (please note if different days have different hours).

**Recorder’s Name:** Record the name of the person who completes this form.

**Phone:** Record the phone number of the recorder.

**No. Kept:** Record the total number of fish kept for each species.

**Number Released:**

- **Alive, No Tag:** Record the total number of fish released alive (no tag) for each species.
- **Alive, Tag:** Record the total number of fish released (with tags) for each species.
- **Dead:** Record the total number of fish thrown back dead for each species.
- **Total:** Record the total number of fish released for each species.

**Size of Fish Kept (lbs.):** Record the weights (lbs.) of each individual fish kept for each species ( if you need more space, please attach additional pages).

**No. of Fish Lost:** Record total number of fish hooked but lost on an additional page, if identification is available.

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**NOAA Fisheries  
Southeast Fisheries Science Center  
75 Virginia Beach Drive  
Miami, FL 33149**

**Attn: Atlantic HMS Tournament Reporting**



Tournament Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Fishing Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Tournament Location (city and state): \_\_\_\_\_

Total Boats Fishing: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours Fished (lines in-lines out): \_\_\_\_\_

Recorder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address:

Note: Length for Billfish is lower jaw fork length

## ADDITIONAL BILLFISH and TUNAS

**Please send completed report form via: FAX: (305) 361- 4562; email: [arietta.venizelos @ noaa.gov](mailto:arietta.venizelos@noaa.gov) or mail to:**

**Attn: Atlantic HMS Tournament Reporting, NOAA Fisheries, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL 33149**

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES TOURNAMENT SUMMARY REPORT (OMB#0648-0323)

**Tournament Name:** Record the entire name of the fishing tournament as it was reported on the tournament registration form.

**Fishing Date(s):** Record the actual fishing dates of the tournament (do not include lay days or days canceled due to bad weather).

**Tournament Location (city and state):** Record the city and state of the fishing tournament.

**Total Boats Fishing:** Record the number of boats fishing (please note if this number changes each day).

**Hours Fished (lines in-lines out):** Record tournament start times and ending times (please note if different days have different hours).

**Recorder's Name, Phone, and E-mail:** Record the name of the person who completes this form, the phone number of the recorder, and e-mail address if available.

**No. Kept:** Record the total number of fish kept for each species.

**No. Lost:** Record the total number of fish hooked but lost when positive species identification is possible

**Number Released:**

- **Alive, No Tag:** Record the total number of fish released alive (no tag) for each species.

- **Alive, Tag:** Record the total number of fish released (with tags) for each species.

- **Dead:** Record the total number of fish thrown back dead for each species.

- **Total:** Add the "Alive, No Tag", "Alive, Tag", and "Dead" numbers and record the total number of fish released or not weighed in for each species.

**Size of Fish Kept:** Record the length (lower jaw fork length for billfish) in inches and the weight (lbs.) of each individual fish kept for each species (if you need more space, please attach additional pages).

**ADDITIONAL BILLFISH and TUNAS: Blank spaces can be used for additional billfish or tunas.**

**Note:** If the tournament keeps radio logs or catch certificates, operators are requested to submit those logs or certificates containing detailed capture information that is not necessarily included on the Tournament Summary Report. To obtain a sample radio log form please call (305) 361-4214 or fax request to (305) 361-4562.

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postmarked not later than the 25th of that month. Reports of BFT received and bluefin tuna imported on the 16th through the last day of each month must be postmarked not later than the 10th of the following month.

(ii) *Dealer Tags.* NMFS will issue numbered dealer tags to each person issued a dealer permit for Atlantic tunas under § 635.4. A dealer tag is not transferable and is usable only by the dealer to whom it is issued. Dealer tags may not be reused once affixed to a tuna or recorded on a package, container, or report.

(A) *Affixing dealer tags.* A dealer or a dealer's agent must affix a dealer tag to each BFT purchased or received from a U.S. vessel immediately upon offloading the BFT. If a vessel is placed on a trailer, the dealer or dealer's agent must affix the dealer tag to the BFT immediately upon the vessel being removed from the water. The dealer tag must be affixed to the BFT between the fifth dorsal finlet and the caudal keel.

(B) *Removal of dealer tags.* A dealer tag affixed to any BFT under paragraph (b)(2)(ii)(A) of this section or a BSD tag affixed to an imported bluefin tuna must remain on the fish until it is cut into portions. If the bluefin tuna or bluefin tuna parts subsequently are packaged for transport for domestic commercial use or for export, the number of the dealer tag or the BSD tag must be written legibly and indelibly on the outside of any package containing the tuna. Such tag number also must be recorded on any document accompanying the shipment of bluefin tuna for commercial use or export.

(3) *Recordkeeping.* Dealers must retain at their place of business a copy of each written report required under paragraphs (b)(1)(i) through (b)(1)(iii) and paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section for a period of 2 years from the date on which each report was required to be submitted.

(c) *Anglers.* The owner of a vessel permitted in the Atlantic tunas Angling or Atlantic tunas or HMS Charter/Headboat category must report all BFT landed under the Angling category quota to NMFS through the automated catch reporting system by calling 1-888-USA-TUNA within 24 hours of the land-

ing. Alternative BFT reporting procedures may be established by NMFS in cooperation with states and may include such methodologies as telephone, dockside or mail surveys, mail in or phone-in reports, tagging programs, or mandatory check-in stations. A census or a statistical sample of persons fishing under the Angling category may be used for these alternative reporting programs, and owners of selected vessels will be notified by NMFS or by the cooperating state agency of the requirements and procedures for reporting BFT. Each person so notified must comply with those requirements and procedures. Additionally, NMFS may determine that BFT landings reporting systems implemented by the states, if mandatory, at least as restrictive, and effectively enforced, are sufficient for Angling category quota monitoring. In such case, NMFS will file with the Office of the Federal Register for publication notification indicating that compliance with the state system satisfies the reporting requirement of this paragraph (c).

(d) *Tournament operators.* A tournament operator must notify NMFS of the purpose, dates, and location of the tournament conducted from a port in an Atlantic coastal state, including the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, at least 4 weeks prior to commencement of the tournament. NMFS will notify a tournament operator in writing, when his or her tournament has been selected for reporting. The tournament operator that is selected must maintain and submit to NMFS a record of catch and effort on forms available from NMFS. Tournament operators must submit completed forms to NMFS, at an address designated by NMFS, postmarked no later than the 7th day after the conclusion of the tournament and must attach a copy of the tournament rules.

(e) *Inspection.* Any person authorized to carry out enforcement activities under the regulations in this part has the authority, without warrant or other process, to inspect, at any reasonable time, catch on board a vessel or on the premises of a dealer, logbooks, catch reports, statistical records, sales receipts, or other records and reports required by this part to be

# **Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act**

## **Public Law 94-265**

As amended through October 11, 1996

### **SEC. 303. CONTENTS OF FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS      16 U.S.C. 1853**

**95-354, 99-659, 101-627, 104-297**

**(a) REQUIRED PROVISIONS.**--Any fishery management plan which is prepared by any Council, or by the Secretary, with respect to any fishery, shall--

(1) contain the conservation and management measures, applicable to foreign fishing and fishing by vessels of the United States, which are--

(A) necessary and appropriate for the conservation and management of the fishery to prevent overfishing and rebuild overfished stocks, and to protect, restore, and promote the long-term health and stability of the fishery;

(B) described in this subsection or subsection (b), or both; and

(C) consistent with the national standards, the other provisions of this Act, regulations implementing recommendations by international organizations in which the United States participates (including but not limited to closed areas, quotas, and size limits), and any other applicable law;

(2) contain a description of the fishery, including, but not limited to, the number of vessels involved, the type and quantity of fishing gear used, the species of fish involved and their location, the cost likely to be incurred in management, actual and potential revenues from the fishery, any recreational interest in the fishery, and the nature and extent of foreign fishing and Indian treaty fishing rights, if any;

(3) assess and specify the present and probable future condition of, and the maximum sustainable yield and optimum yield from, the fishery, and include a summary of the information utilized in making such specification;

(4) assess and specify--

(A) the capacity and the extent to which fishing vessels of the United States, on an annual basis, will harvest the optimum yield specified under paragraph (3),

(B) the portion of such optimum yield which, on an annual basis, will not be harvested by fishing vessels of the United States and can be made available for foreign fishing, and

(C) the capacity and extent to which United States fish processors, on an annual basis, will process that portion of such optimum yield that will be harvested by fishing vessels of the United States;

(5) specify the pertinent data which shall be submitted to the Secretary with respect to commercial, recreational, and charter fishing in the fishery, including, but not limited to, information regarding the type and quantity of fishing gear used, catch by species in numbers of fish or weight thereof, areas in which fishing was engaged in, time of fishing, number of hauls, and the estimated processing capacity of, and the actual processing capacity utilized by, United States fish processors;

(6) consider and provide for temporary adjustments, after consultation with the Coast Guard and persons utilizing the fishery, regarding access to the fishery for vessels otherwise prevented from harvesting because of weather or other ocean conditions affecting the safe conduct of the fishery; except that the adjustment shall not adversely affect conservation efforts in other fisheries or discriminate among participants in the affected fishery;

(7) describe and identify essential fish habitat for the fishery based on the guidelines established by the Secretary under section 305(b)(1)(A), minimize to the extent practicable adverse effects on such habitat caused by fishing, and identify other actions to encourage the conservation and enhancement of such habitat;

(8) in the case of a fishery management plan that, after January 1, 1991, is submitted to the Secretary for review under section 304(a) (including any plan for which an amendment is submitted to the Secretary for such review) or is prepared by the Secretary, assess and specify the nature and extent of scientific data which is needed for effective implementation of the plan;

(9) include a fishery impact statement for the plan or amendment (in the case of a plan or amendment thereto submitted to or prepared by the Secretary after October 1, 1990) which shall assess, specify, and describe the likely effects, if any, of the conservation and management measures on--

(A) participants in the fisheries and fishing communities affected by the plan or amendment; and

(B) participants in the fisheries conducted in adjacent areas under the authority of another Council, after consultation with such Council and representatives of those participants;

(10) specify objective and measurable criteria for identifying when the fishery to which the plan applies is overfished (with an analysis of how the criteria were determined and the relationship of the criteria to the reproductive potential of stocks of fish in that fishery) and, in the case of a fishery which the Council or the Secretary has determined is approaching an overfished condition or is overfished, contain conservation and management measures to prevent overfishing or end overfishing and rebuild the fishery;

(11) establish a standardized reporting methodology to assess the amount and type of bycatch occurring in the fishery, and include conservation and management measures that, to the extent practicable and in the following priority--

(A) minimize bycatch; and

(B) minimize the mortality of bycatch which cannot be avoided;

(12) assess the type and amount of fish caught and released alive during recreational fishing under catch and release fishery management programs and the mortality of such fish, and include conservation and management measures that, to the extent practicable, minimize mortality and ensure the extended survival of such fish;

(13) include a description of the commercial, recreational, and charter fishing sectors which participate in the fishery and, to the extent practicable, quantify trends in landings of the managed fishery resource by the commercial, recreational, and charter fishing sectors; and

(14) to the extent that rebuilding plans or other conservation and management measures which reduce the overall harvest in a fishery are necessary, allocate any harvest restrictions or recovery benefits fairly and equitably among the commercial, recreational, and charter fishing sectors in the fishery.

**97-453, 99-659, 101-627, 102-251, 104-297**

**(b) DISCRETIONARY PROVISIONS.**--Any fishery management plan which is prepared by any Council, or by the Secretary, with respect to any fishery, may--

(1) require a permit to be obtained from, and fees to be paid to, the Secretary, with respect to--

(A) any fishing vessel of the United States fishing, or wishing to fish, in the exclusive economic zone [or special areas,]\* or for anadromous species or Continental Shelf fishery resources beyond such zone [or areas]\*;

(B) the operator of any such vessel; or

(C) any United States fish processor who first receives fish that are subject to the plan;

(2) designate zones where, and periods when, fishing shall be limited, or shall not be permitted, or shall be permitted only by specified types of fishing vessels or with specified types and quantities of fishing gear;

(3) establish specified limitations which are necessary and appropriate for the conservation and management of the fishery on the--

(A) catch of fish (based on area, species, size, number, weight, sex, bycatch, total biomass, or other factors);

(B) sale of fish caught during commercial, recreational, or charter fishing, consistent with any applicable Federal and State safety and quality requirements; and

(C) transshipment or transportation of fish or fish products under permits issued pursuant to section 204;

(4) prohibit, limit, condition, or require the use of specified types and quantities of fishing gear, fishing vessels, or equipment for such vessels, including devices which may be required to facilitate enforcement of the provisions of this Act;

(5) incorporate (consistent with the national standards, the other provisions of this Act, and any other applicable law) the relevant fishery conservation and management measures of the coastal States nearest to the fishery;

(6) establish a limited access system for the fishery in order to achieve optimum yield if, in developing such system, the Council and the Secretary take into account--

- (A) present participation in the fishery,
- (B) historical fishing practices in, and dependence on, the fishery,
- (C) the economics of the fishery,
- (D) the capability of fishing vessels used in the fishery to engage in other fisheries,
- (E) the cultural and social framework relevant to the fishery and any affected fishing communities, and
- (F) any other relevant considerations;

(7) require fish processors who first receive fish that are subject to the plan to submit data (other than economic data) which are necessary for the conservation and management of the fishery;

(8) require that one or more observers be carried on board a vessel of the United States engaged in fishing for species that are subject to the plan, for the purpose of collecting data necessary for the conservation and management of the fishery; except that such a vessel shall not be required to carry an observer on board if the facilities of the vessel for the quartering of an observer, or for carrying out observer functions, are so inadequate or unsafe that the health or safety of the observer or the safe operation of the vessel would be jeopardized;

(9) assess and specify the effect which the conservation and management measures of the plan will have on the stocks of naturally spawning anadromous fish in the region;

(10) include, consistent with the other provisions of this Act, conservation and management measures that provide harvest incentives for participants within each gear group to employ fishing practices that result in lower levels of bycatch or in lower levels of the mortality of bycatch;

(11) reserve a portion of the allowable biological catch of the fishery for use in scientific research; and

(12) prescribe such other measures, requirements, or conditions and restrictions as are determined to be necessary and appropriate for the conservation and management of the fishery.

ext. 229, or e-mail to [viktoria.palfi@mail.doc.gov](mailto:viktoria.palfi@mail.doc.gov).

#### **U.S. Building Products Trade Mission**

Toronto and Montreal, Canada, March 4–7, 2003, Recruitment closes on January 24, 2003.

*For further information contact:* Ms. Rita Patlan, U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone 416–595–5412, ext. 223, or e-mail to [rita.patlan@mail.doc.gov](mailto:rita.patlan@mail.doc.gov).

#### **Textile and Apparel Fabric Trade Mission to Mexico, Honduras, and Guatemala**

Guadalajara, San Pedro Sula, and Guatemala City, March 30–April 6, 2003, recruitment closes on February 20, 2003.

*For further information contact:* Mr. Andrew Gelfuso, U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone 202–482–2043, or e-mail to [andrew.gelfuso@mail.doc.gov](mailto:andrew.gelfuso@mail.doc.gov).

#### **Healthcare Technologies Seminar and Trade Mission**

Montreal and Toronto, Canada, April 7–10, 2003, recruitment closes on February 28, 2003.

*For further information contact:* Mr. Pierre Richer, U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone 514–398–9695, ext. 2261, or e-mail to [pierre.richer@mail.doc.gov](mailto:pierre.richer@mail.doc.gov).

#### **Executive Aerospace Trade Mission to Australia and New Zealand**

Canberra, Brisbane, Melbourne, and Auckland, April 27–May 6, 2003, recruitment closes on March 31, 2003.

*For further information contact:* Mr. Sean McAlister, U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone 202–482–6239, or e-mail to [sean.mcalister@mail.doc.gov](mailto:sean.mcalister@mail.doc.gov).

#### **Safety and Security Trade Mission to Brazil**

Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, May 19–23, 2003, recruitment closes on March 31, 2003.

*For further information contact:* Mr. Howard Fleming, U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone 202–482–5163, or e-mail to [howard.fleming@mail.doc.gov](mailto:howard.fleming@mail.doc.gov) or in Brazil, Mr. Jim Cunningham, U.S. Consulate, Rio de Janeiro, telephone 55–21–2220–1059, or e-mail to [jim.cunningham@mail.doc.gov](mailto:jim.cunningham@mail.doc.gov).

#### **RepCan 2003**

Toronto, Canada, June 17–18, 2003, recruitment closes on April 26, 2003.

*For further information contact:* Ms. Madellon C. Lopes, U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone 416–595–5412, ext. 227, or e-mail to [madellon.lopes@mail.doc.gov](mailto:madellon.lopes@mail.doc.gov).

Recruitment and selection of private sector participants for these trade missions will be conducted according to the Statement of Policy Governing Department of Commerce Overseas Trade Missions dated March 3, 1997.

For further information contact Mr. Thomas Nisbet, U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone 202–482–5657, or e-mail [Tom\\_Nisbet@ita.doc.gov](mailto:Tom_Nisbet@ita.doc.gov).

Dated: December 20, 2002.

**Thomas H. Nisbet,**

*Director, Export Promotion Coordination, Office of Planning, Coordination and Management.*

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### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

#### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 121902D]

#### **Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Highly Migratory Species Tournament Registration and Reporting**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before February 25, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Christopher Rogers, Chief, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1), Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; (301) 713–2347.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **I. Abstract**

NMFS would require that operators of fishing tournaments involving Highly Migratory Species (HMS) provide advance identification of the tournament and then provide information after the tournament on the HMS that are caught, whether they were kept or released, the length and weight of the fish, and other information. Most of the data required for post-tournament reporting are already collected in the routine course of tournament operations. The data collected are needed by NMFS to estimate the total annual catch of these species and to evaluate the impact of tournament fishing in relation to other types of fishing.

### **II. Method of Collection**

There are two required reporting forms, one to register a tournament and another to provide a summary report the results of the tournament. Completed forms are mailed to NMFS.

### **III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0648–0323.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, and not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 300.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 2 minutes for a registration form; and 20 minutes for a tournament summary report.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 110.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$108.

### **IV. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 19, 2002.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program: Approval Decision on Wisconsin Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to approve the Wisconsin coastal nonpoint program.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the intent to fully approve the Wisconsin Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program (coastal nonpoint program) and of the availability of the draft Approval Decisions on conditions for the Wisconsin coastal nonpoint program. Section 6217 of the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments (CZARA), 16 U.S.C. 1455b, requires States and territories with coastal zone management programs that have received approval under section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act to develop and implement coastal nonpoint programs. Coastal States and territories were required to submit their coastal nonpoint programs to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval in July 1995. NOAA and EPA conditionally approved the Wisconsin coastal nonpoint program on September 24, 1997. NOAA and EPA have drafted approval decisions describing how Wisconsin has satisfied the conditions placed on its program and therefore has a fully approved coastal nonpoint program.

NOAA and EPA are making the draft decisions for the Wisconsin coastal nonpoint program available for a 30-day public comment period. If comments are received, NOAA and EPA will consider whether such comments are significant enough to affect the decision to fully approve the program.

Copies of the draft Approval Decisions can be found on the NOAA website at <http://www.ocrm.nos.noaa.gov/czm/> or may be

obtained upon request from: Helen Farr, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, phone (301) 713-3155, x150, email [helen.farr@noaa.gov](mailto:helen.farr@noaa.gov).

**DATES:** Individuals or organizations wishing to submit comments on the draft Approval Decisions should do so by January 27, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be made to: John King, Acting Chief, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, phone (301) 713-3155, x188, email [john.king@noaa.gov](mailto:john.king@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Helen Farr, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, phone (301) 713-3155, x150, email [helen.farr@noaa.gov](mailto:helen.farr@noaa.gov).

Dated: December 20, 2002.

**Alan Neuschatz,**

*Associate Assistant Administrator, Management and Budget Office, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

**G. Tracy Mehan, III,**

*Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Notice of Public Meeting**

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Committee on Commercial Remote Sensing (ACCRES) will meet January 14, 2003.

**DATE AND TIME:** The meeting is scheduled as follows: January 14, 2003, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. The first part of this meeting will be closed to the public. The public portion of the meeting will begin at 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Washington Office of the RAND Corporation. RAND is located at 1200 South Hayes Street, Arlington, Virginia. It is located above the Pentagon City Metro station, which is served by both the blue and yellow lines. While open to the public, seating capacity may be limited.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As required by section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1982), notice is hereby given of the meeting of ACCRES. ACCRES was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) on May 21, 2002, to advise the Secretary through the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on long- and short-range strategies for the licensing of commercial remote sensing satellite systems.

**Matters To Be Considered**

The first part of the meeting will be closed to the public pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, as amended by Section 5(c) of the Government in Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409 and in accordance with Section 552b(c)(1) of Title 5, United States Code, that the portions of this meeting which involve briefings on the ongoing review and implementation of commercial space policy relating to the National Security Presidential Directive-15 and the national security and foreign policy considerations for NOAA's licensing decisions may be closed to the public. These briefings are likely to disclose matters that are specifically authorized under criteria established by Executive Order 12958 to be kept secret in the interest of the interest of national defense or foreign policy and are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive Order.

All other portions of the meeting will be open to the public. During the open portion of the meeting, the Committee will receive briefings on and discuss key issues such as market development, foreign legal approaches and commercial availability, and NOAA licensing practices and procedures.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations may be directed to ACCRES, NOAA/NESDIS International and Interagency Affairs Office, 1335 East-West Highway, Room 7311, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

**Additional Information and Public Comments**

Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the meeting or who wishes to submit oral or written comments should contact Timothy Stryker, Designated Federal Officer for ACCRES, NOAA/NESDIS International and Interagency Affairs Office, 1335 East-West Highway, Room 7311, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.